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Director's Corner

Three years ago I wrote a message for our Tort and Sweet Newsletter and asked whether any law students had recently been in the law microlab and "surfed the net," or accessed their e-mail via Eudora. The past three years have seen a phenomenal increase in the amount of traffic via the Internet. In fact, such traffic is doubling every six months. The brave new world is now.

What about Christmas shopping for the busy 1998 law student? Why not try holiday shopping on the Internet. A study by Dell Computer and Louis Harris & Associates predicts that 43% of PC users in the U.S. will do some of their holiday shopping on the Internet this Christmas season -- a big jump from last year's 10%. To accommodate the surge, many online retailers are ramping up their systems, in the hope of making the initial online shopping experience a pleasant one. (Information Week 16 Nov 98).

Here's wishing all of our College of Law family a happy holiday season. May wherever you shop be a hassle-free experience and may you find the check-out lines short and the retail associates friendly.

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New Faces in the Law Library



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I joined the law library staff November 2, 1998. This is my first experience working in a library of any kind. So far I really like it. I am thinking of going for my Masters in Library Science. But, I have to get my Bachelors first.

I was born right here in Lexington at St. Joseph Hospital. They do not have a pediatrics ward anymore. I have lived outside Kentucky for two years, and that was when I was very young. So, you could say that sort of makes me a native of Lexington. I am the first/oldest of four children (in my family) and all the grandchildren, nieces, and nephews on both of my father's and mother's side. Boy, was I and am I spoiled.

My father and mother graduated from the University of Kentucky. My father is a Radiologist and my mother has her nursing certificate. I have two sisters and one brother. Ashley is 26, a graduate of Centre College with a Masters in Art History, and she is now married and living in Santa Fe, New

Mexico. Bethany is 22 and is getting her degree in the medical field right here in Lexington at the University of Kentucky. Will, my brother, is 15 and is attending The Lexington School. I was 16 years old when he was born. We are the best of friends.

When I started college at Eastern Kentucky University I wanted to major in Early Childhood Education. My goal was to own and run my own daycare center (I did work in a daycare center for six years). But, I was dating my soon to be husband and as time went on I, like everyone else, changed my major and the college I was attending. I ended up at Lexington Community College and graduated with an Associate Degree in Office Systems.

Now you may be wondering "How did she meet her husband?" And if you are not I am going to tell you anyway. First of all his name is Matt. We met on a blind date. It was set up by his sister and my mother. I was going to attend a high school formal and my date canceled at the last minute. My mother told me I could not go if I did not have a date. So she found me one. He wore my father's tux and we had the best time. The next day he called me and asked me out to lunch and I said yes. In March 1990 he went to my father and asked for permission to marry his eldest daughter and received it. On July 20, 1991 we were married.

KLA Programs

Who's On First?

Reference librarians Shaun Esposito, Kurt Metzmeier, Amy Osborne and Carol Parris found a new and entertaining way to make a presentation at the Kentucky Library Association's Fall Conference in Louisville, KY, this past October. The theme of the Conference was **Play Ball! Team Up for a Winning Library Program** and the daring librarians used a baseball theme in developing their program -- *Who's On First? What's on 2nd? And I Don't Know's at the Reference Desk: Fielding Tips from the University of Kentucky Law Library Reference Team*. Their presentation focused on the team approach that makes reference both fun and successful at UK.

Taking a cue from major league baseball and emphasizing that there is no "I" in team, the UK Law Library Reference team not only discussed the team approach in a typical panel presentation, but Carol Parris and Shaun Esposito performed the old Abbott and Costello 'Who's on first' routine with a 'Who's on the Reference Desk' parody that captivated the standing-room only crowd.

The second part of the program included a 10-minute home-made video entitled "ER — Emergency Reference" which was filmed and directed by law school graduate and current library science student, Will Geeslin. Shaun, Kurt, Amy and Carol (with special appearance by Sue Burch) enacted an 'emergency reference' encounter at the law library. Worthy of several academy award nominations, the video highlighted the team approach to handling difficult reference questions. The standing ovation, whistles, and calls for "encore" made this program

one of the highlights of the conference!

Coaching the Non-Librarian: Do We Know Who Is Pitching And Catching?

A grand slam was hit on October 23, 1998 at the Kentucky Library Association/Kentucky School Media Association Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Herb Cihak, Director of the Law Library and Sharon Harrod, Senior Library Technician presented their triple play program to a group of assorted librarians from all over the state. Professor Cihak and Ms. Harrod utilized the theme of the conference "Play Ball" to illustrate their points with great alacrity.

As libraries continue to be transformed by technology, library administrators must continue to encourage and reward non-librarians. Professor Cihak noted that non-librarians have excellent ideas and suggestions because many times they are closer to the problem than the librarians.

He also mentioned that many non-librarians possess natural leadership abilities and feels it is in the best interest of administrators to treat everyone equitably and equally. The UK Law Library provides opportunities for non-librarians to travel to national and regional library conferences and their expenses are paid by the University. To help the entire library staff feel they are on the same team, Professor Cihak suggested creating activities in which they all can participate. He emphasized spontaneity and the importance of planning special celebrations for the library team.

Sharon talked about her personal observations concerning the team environment at the College of Law Library. She talked about being in

charge of her own area with very little outside administration. This "in-charge" feeling has lead to the formation of special purpose teams which meet just for one project and when that project is complete, the group is disbanded. Instead of policies and procedures the law library has adopted certain values. So far these freeing values have had much more of a positive impact on the library team than the former restricting policies and procedures.

The presentation was very well received and many questions were asked of Professor Cihak and Ms. Harrod. All were impressed by the quality and content of the program.

Holiday Hours

Mon, 12/7 - Fri, 12/8	7 am - midnight
Sat., 12/12	8 am - 10 pm
Sun, 12/13	noon - midnight
Mon, 12/14 - Fri, 12/18	7 am - 6 pm
Sat, 12/19	CLOSED
Sun, 12/20	CLOSED
Mon, 12/21 - Thurs, 12/24	8 am - 6 pm
Fri, 12/25 - Sun, 1/3	CLOSED
Mon, 1/4 - Fri, 1/8	8 am - 6 pm
Sat, 1/9	CLOSED
Sun, 1/10	noon - 10 pm
Mon, 1/11	Spring Semester Hours Begin! (and so do classes)